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OIL ADVANCES IN PRICE AGAIN, GOING TO \$3.25 FOR KY.

Two Advances Within Ten Days Brings Joy to the Local Fields.

The following telegram gives details of another oil advance. Kentucky oil is listed as Somerset at \$3.25. Pittsburgh, Dec. 31.—Oil men were startled today when the principal oil purchasing agency announced another advance in the price of crude oil. Pennsylvania grade being lifted twenty-five cents a barrel to \$5. Other prices were raised 15 cents a barrel as follows: Corning \$2.50; Cabell \$3.42; Somerset \$3.25.

These prices are the highest ever quoted in Pittsburgh for the grades affected, and spell the third advance within two months. No cause was assigned for the upward movement other than that reserve supplies are not what high authorities in the oil trade believe they should be, and the steady increase may spur development to a point where production will be sensibly increased.

Already oil production has become so profitable that old fields in western Pennsylvania are being drilled over, and many wells, long since abandoned as unworthy of attention, are being cleaned out, connected up with a similar well and then carefully pumped.

WELLS AND HARMON KILLED BY KIRK BROTHERS AT ODDS

Last week the NEWS had a brief and somewhat indefinite account of a shooting affray in Johnson-co. not far from Van Lear. The report reached us just before going to press. The facts are quite different from what we first heard.

Martin Wells and a friend named Harmon were killed by two brothers named Kirk, who are charged with moonshining, and also it is said one of them is a deserter from the army. Wells and Harmon arrested one of the Kirks and started to paint him with lime. Harmon went back for something and during his absence the other Kirk arrived and shot Wells, killing him instantly. When Harmon returned he was fatally shot, living only a few hours. The Kirks escaped.

LATER.—The names of the people referred to in above article are as follows: Martin Wells, detective; Isaac Kirk, 23, returned soldier; Hebe Kirk, 20, a younger brother, who had deserted the U.S. army, and D. C. Harmon, a deputy sheriff. The officers had a warrant for the arrest of the deserter. A reward of \$1200 is offered for the arrest of the two boys.

BIG SANDY'S PROGRESS NOTED

The following is an editorial from the Courier-Journal:

It was but recently that The Courier-Journal, discussing the Louisville-Paducah Federal Highway, then proposed, later assured and now partly surveyed, predicted that there would be a Federal aid road up the Big Sandy Valley, and that eventually there would be river valley roads making it possible to drive an automobile from the Virginia line to the Mississippi River upon Kentucky soil and within sight of the glinting water of Kentucky streams.

The vote for bonds in Lawrence county, according to a Louisa dispatch, assures the 150-mile Federal aid road up the Big Sandy from Ashland to Pound Gap.

Unfortunately Carroll, Gallatin and Boone counties declined to join in the construction of the proposed Federal aid road between Louisville and Cincinnati, and traffic will cross the river at Milton, but are long the three counties which now remain out of the Cincinnati-Louisville project will grow restive witnessing the stream of traffic cross the river at Milton. They will, by one means or another, build a trunk-line road.

Much new construction and improvement of old roads between Covington and Ashland must be undertaken before an automobile can be driven from Pound Gap to Mills Point, but with the Big Sandy Valley setting an example of progress the river counties between Covington and Ashland will become ambitious. The western river counties did not wait for an example.

Kentucky will have, along the Big Sandy and the Ohio, one of the greatest scenic highways in America. It will be of much practical value to many counties which long have suffered the ill effects of isolation.

Misses Rebekah and Kathleen Lackey and Hannah O'Brien, of Louisville, who have been in Detroit, Mich., for some time, and Miss Kate Moore, of Cincinnati, were guests on Christmas of Mrs. Margaret O'Brien Bird, formerly of Louisville, at her home at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Three Escape From Jail in Boyd County

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 26.—Three prisoners escaped from the Boyd county jail last night, this being the third jail delivery in two weeks. When Jailer John White went to feed the prisoners the iron gate was swung open and he found three prisoners had made their escape. One was Minard Estep, convicted of killing Frank Goodman. Estep was to have been electrocuted, but was granted a new trial.

The other prisoners were John Lester, charged with forgery, and John France, charged with moonshining. The men by some means got hold of the jail key and regained their freedom. The other prisoners refused to take advantage of the opportunity of escaping.

Tom Jones, convicted for murder and given a new trial, was awakened by the prisoners and told to escape, but he refused to leave the jail. He is from Greenup county.

BIG COAL DEAL IMMINENT

It is learned on reliable authority that negotiations for the purchase of the Red Jacket Consolidated Coal & Coke Co., and the Red Jacket Junior Coal Co., have progressed to an extent that practically assures the consummation of the big deal within the next two or three weeks. It is confidently expected that the extensive properties will be turned over to the purchasers by the first of the new year.—Williamson News.

STATE ENGINEER MEET WITH COURT

Fine Speech Made by Mr. Scanlan on How to Proceed and Kinds of Road.

Hon. T. S. Scanlan, of Huntington, made a most practical road talk yesterday afternoon to the Lawrence Fiscal Court and some members of the Advisory Commission. There were five of the eight commissioners present, and all the fiscal court except one.

The closest attention was given to Mr. Scanlan's address and much valuable information was imparted. The court is endeavoring to get the right start, with a good general idea of the policy to pursue.

Mr. Scanlan has no object except to give us, his neighbors, the benefit of all his experience and knowledge, covering years in various departments of the business. He advises getting as many miles as possible of roads good enough to meet the demands of our traffic. We believe this is what the people of Lawrence county, and in what the county officials propose to give them.

Let's keep it moving.

The court is calling for a State Engineer to meet with the body as soon as possible to make the necessary orders and applications to secure State and Federal aid. This will be done within a week or ten days if possible.

Louisa Gets Favorable Editorial Notice From Huntington Newspaper

The Herald Dispatch says:

A postcard from a Louisa, Kentucky business man reminds the Herald-Dispatch that in proclaiming prosperity for Huntington and the Tri-state, Louisa is entitled to special mention, does not come amiss, though in a mental survey of the community no sweep of recollection could pass over the classic little city as the junction of the equally classic Tug and Levisa rivers, whose union creates the more than ever unique Big Sandy. Louisa is just now taking on a new baptism of prosperity, owing to the extensive and successful oil development now in progress in a circle which entirely envelops the town.

The Herald-Dispatch so confidently expects embraces every inch of a road paved by the waters of the Big Sandy, with a special abundance for Lawrence and the adjoining counties.

It includes every store, every factory, every working man, every jobbing house, every coal operator, every railway man and every farmer that will undertake to improve the opportunity that is present.

The world needs all that we can produce. It needs our furniture, our coal, our glass and pottery products. It is offering almost fabulous prices for our tobacco. There is nothing that Huntington is prepared to make that the world is not ready and even anxious to buy to the very limit. And it will take every barrel of Louisa's oil at the highest price ever paid for the quality—and a mighty good quality it is.

Mrs. Helen Gearhart and daughter, Miss Balle, returned Sunday from a visit of several days with relatives in Huntington, Charleston and Ashland. Upon their return home they found that Mrs. Gearhart's brother, Mr. Wynn Spencer, had arrived for a visit to them and R. A. Stone and family. He is from Kansas City, Mo., and had not been in Kentucky for thirty-five years.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING MONDAY NIGHT, CITY HALL

Organization of Important Body to be Completed at That Time

All business and professional men and citizens of Louisa, as well as the oil men interested here, are invited and urged to be present at a meeting to be held at the city hall in Louisa next Monday night at 7 o'clock. In accordance with the agreement made at a meeting held in connection with the city council recently the organization of a Board of Trade will be completed Monday evening.

The need of a strong organization to work for the growth of Louisa and Lawrence county was never so great as at present. The opportunities for big results were never so numerous as now, with all the development at hand, and with good roads and paved streets already assured.

Enterprises of various kinds can be secured by united effort on the part of business men.

The Board of Trade must be a live body, with broad plans and liberal support. No ten cent schemes are worth anything in such a movement. Our citizens will have to get in the frame of mind to attempt larger things than ever before. To do this means that we will have to shake ourselves and take on visions that have never before been entertained.

The chance is here. Are we capable of taking advantage of it?

Marriage of Miss Wilson and Mr. A. H. Owen

Of interest to a wide circle of friends is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Clifford Wilson, of this city, and Mr. A. H. Owen. The wedding took place on last Monday afternoon at 1:30 at the residence of Rev. W. C. Reeves in Ashland. The impressive ceremony was held by Rev. Hurlbutt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ironton, Ohio. The bride wore a traveling suit of brown with hat to match. The happy couple left the same afternoon for Charleston and other points in West Virginia to spend a few days.

Mr. Owen came to Louisa about two years ago on business connected with the telephone company with which he now holds a position. It was while here he met Miss Wilson. Later he was in service in France several months and upon his return secured the place he formerly held with the company.

His visits to Louisa were quite frequent and while friends of the couple were expecting a culmination of the courtship at an early date the announcement came as a surprise.

Miss Wilson was visiting relatives in Huntington and Ashland during the holiday season and was expected home this week. She is a teacher in the Louisa Graded Schools. She will probably return here and finish the school term which ends in May.

The bride is popular among her friends and is considered one of Louisa's brightest young women. She is a graduate of the High School and Science departments of Kentucky Normal College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wilson.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Owen of Simpsonville, Ky. He comes highly recommended and has impressed his acquaintances here with being a worthy young man.

They will probably reside at Clen-Tennin, W. Va., which is Mr. Owens' headquarters.

COURT AND BOARD CONFER ON ROADS

The Fiscal Court and the advisory commission appointed by the court to assist with the big task of building the roads voted under the recent bond issue, met Thursday of this week for the first discussion of plans to get the road work started.

Hon. T. S. Scanlan, of Huntington, very kindly consented to come over and give them the benefit of his large experience in road building. He arranged to come via N. & W. train at 2 p. m. Previous to his arrival there was a discussion among the court and board and county attorney D. L. Thompson.

The intention is to go ahead with the plans as rapidly as possible. The people are inquiring every day about when work is expected to start. It is very evident that the people of Lawrence county want hard roads and want them as quickly as possible.

Revival Meetings in Louisa Every Afternoon and Night

The revival services at the M. E. Church South began last Sunday, with preaching every afternoon and night. The attendance is increasing. The pastor, Rev. James D. Bell, is preaching very forcefully. Members of the other congregations of the town are attending. Everybody is invited to attend and take part in the meetings.

Lawrence Fiscal Court Rejects Bridge Bid

The Lawrence Fiscal Court is in session this week making a settlement with the Sheriff and attending to some other important business.

A bridge letting was advertised for Monday, for a bridge near the mouth of Catt, but only one bid was received and it was very properly rejected. The Champion Bridge company presented a bid on plans furnished by itself. The court probably takes the position that all bids must be on the same plans and these should be prepared in advance of the bidding and placed at the disposal of all bidders. Otherwise it is impossible to know what the lowest bid is, or whether the bridge adopted will be satisfactory. There is nothing more important in the work of the fiscal court than to be certain about the bridge plans and to see that the construction is properly done.

PEOPLE ARE MOVING.

O. G. Smith and family have moved to Ashland. C. B. Bromley, who bought the Smith property has moved into it. J. P. Gartin will occupy the house vacated by the Bromleys' and Wm. Taylor and family are moving from the Shannon farm to the place in lower Louisa recently purchased from Mr. Gartin.

OIL WELL IN CARTER.

Grayson, Ky.—The Lawton Oil & Gas Co. brought in a 15-barrel well twenty miles west of here and has derricks upon adjoining leases.

\$10,000 FOR THE HEIRS OF GUY E. WARREN, SOLDIER

Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carter, Sr., of Yadenville, this county, took a boy from the Children's Home Society to raise. His name was Guy Warren. After Mr. Carter's death the boy took \$200 belonging to Mrs. Carter, but after a few days was induced to admit the fact and return the money. After that he was returned to the Society, and afterward placed in the home of a family at Owensboro. His tendency to take what did not belong to him caused trouble again and he was sent to the Kentucky House of Reform.

The following dispatch to the Courier-Journal refers to this boy, who made amends to his country by giving his life for its cause:

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 30.—Deserted by his parents in his infancy, Guy E. Warren, a foundling, has left \$10,000 to them. Now they cannot be found.

Warren fought in the American drive at Chateau Thierry and was among the first to fall. He was the first Madison county boy killed in the war.

He had taken out \$10,000 insurance payable to his estate, but so far as is known left no relatives.

Madison Post, American Legion, is seeking his heirs.

BIG ROAD MEETING IN ASHLAND JAN. 17

The Ashland Independent says: The Midland Trail Association for Kentucky will hold a great meeting in Ashland on January 17, 1920. The object of the meeting will be to hear reports from the various counties as to what will be done with the Midland Trail in this State during the coming year.

The Midland Trail through Boyd county is a Federal aid project. Boyd county voted her bonds and accepted the proposition of the State and Federal aid last year and the work of building the Midland Trail through Boyd county is now almost half completed and can easily be completed next year.

The object of this Midland Trail meeting, held on January 17th is to stimulate interest in this movement by having a big gathering of men from all this section of the state. But there will be others who are interested.

Lexington and Louisville are planning to run special trains here on this date and bring at least five hundred delegates from these two cities.

Rodman Wiley, vice president of the Midland Trail Association, is sending out literature urging farmers and business men to attend this meeting and stating that we ought to have two thousand good roads boosters here on the above date.

The people from the Big Sandy section are also invited to attend this meeting as it is proposed to link up the Big Sandy and Old Dominion Highway with the Midland Trail.

The people of the Big Sandy valley are all interested in the good roads movement and many business men from that section are sure to attend the meeting.

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club are going to take the lead in furnishing the entertainment and we understand committees will be appointed right away to see about arranging for a buffet luncheon which will be served at the Elks' Home and also the arrangement of the program which will be carried out at this meeting.

BETTER PRICE FOR OIL ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT HERE

Work Going Along in Spite of Bad Weather and Worse Roads.

An Active Company.

The New Domain Oil & Gas Company is pushing its development in Lawrence county in a manner very satisfactory to the land owners. This company is responsible for the development of land near the mouth of Two Mile creek that had stood condemned for several years as the result of a well drilled by parties looking for big producers when the price of oil was very low.

The company is also developing leases in the Busseyville field and has drilled the best well that has been found there.

Also, this company has a 300 acre lease in the upper Blaine field that looks to be valuable. Mr. Ben Hardin, who represents the company in the lease department, has shown good judgment in acquiring property.

Mr. Castner is the efficient manager of the field operations.

A Big Operator.

Mr. T. F. Maloney is getting fairly started on the Lackey farm. Later he will do some development work on Lick Creek, where he holds a considerable body of leases. Mr. Maloney owns valuable producing property in Lawrence county. He has been in the oil business for many years and knows the business thoroughly. He has been very successful. We are fortunate to get him into this field.

The Blaine Field.

The Union Gas & Oil Company is now pumping the last well drilled on D. W. Skaggs' farm and it is giving excellent results. Also, the J. J. Gambill No. 1 is doing fine.

The J. J. Skaggs well is now ready to case, having reached a depth of 400 feet. It is on the Wm. Weaver lease on Knob branch. Stevens & Garrison are drilling the well.

The Morris well was shot yesterday. It is believed this will make a small producer.

Oil is Now Higher.

The report in the NEWS last week of an advance of 25 cents per barrel in the price of oil has been confirmed. An effort is being made to get the Pennsylvania price for Lawrence county oil.

(Another advance of 15c per barrel has been made since the above was written.)

In Other Counties.

In Magoffin county, one of the newer prospects in the Eastern Kentucky district, a gas well showing a yield of 1,000,000 feet was drilled by White and others, on the Love lease. The gas was found at 1,900 feet, in the Berea grit. This is the deepest well yet drilled in that county. On the Phillips lease the Red Rock Oil company, which has a number of good wells, got a ten-barrel showing in its latest completion. Several scattered wells are reported from advance operations. In Breathitt county Fulton & Hurst have a small well on the Watkins lease.

The 200 barrel well reported in Johnson county is not that large, but it is a good one and will mean much to that county.

This article from the Courier-Journal refers to the well mentioned above: Sobel and others' No. 1 Witt lease, on Painters Lick of Little Paint Creek, in Magoffin county, has made a number of flows since coming in a few days ago and is now said to be good for 100 barrels. This well defines the present acre of the Magoffin pool to be from two to three miles.

Dry Leader at Catlettsburg is State Senator

The day of the prohibitionist is here again in Catlettsburg, as witnessed by the political ascendancy of Brig. Harris, who for many years operated the Gate City's temperance tavern, officially known as The Brig Harris Hotel. He is now Senator Harris and leaves in a few days for Frankfort where on next Tuesday he will take his seat in the upper house of the Kentucky legislature. He was elected without opposition to represent the district comprising the counties of Boyd, Lawrence, Johnson and Martin. He was a member of the house of delegates in the last legislature. His candidacy in that race proved so formidable that he was unopposed when he stood for the upper house.

When Mr. Harris first entered the hotel business in Catlettsburg, operating, as was highly unusual, without a bar, he was warned that he couldn't make a success that way. He continued to operate, however, and began to be active as an anti-saloon man. Sorrowful friends told him that he would be ruined if he continued to stand out against the wets but this didn't phase him. A few years ago he sold his hotel but his part in the anti-saloon fight continued. Catlettsburg never became dry of its own accord, but the dry leader rose, nevertheless, to position and influence through the confidence of his neighbors, wets and dries alike. He feels that his activities against the saloon and those of all others have now been fully vindicated and that the blessings derived from the absence of the saloon and of drink will accrue long and constantly.—Herald Dispatch.

How Catlettsburg Thugs Now Amuse Themselves

A young man from Van Lear went to Catlettsburg a few days ago to have a "good time" in that old time, out of date way. He had saved more than \$400 from wages in the mines, and like an old timer was carrying it around on his person instead of depositing it in bank. Either he had not heard that Catlettsburg is dry along with the United States, or he didn't believe it. Arriving at Catlettsburg he slipped up to the most disreputable looking fellow in sight and asked if he could cite him to some liquor. The fellow said yes, and told him to wait for a signal. The signal came from a doorway and was promptly answered. As the young man entered he was overpowered by three men, robbed of all but 50 cents of his money, and thrown into the discard. When he untangled himself and got out the coast was clear. No trace of the robbers was found and the young man, sadder and wiser, made his way to Louisa on half fare. Here he had friends who helped him on to Van Lear to start life over again.

Those Catlettsburg fellows formerly took a man's money and sent him home drunk. The new game is to take his money and send him home sober.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

J. E. Perry, 31, to Hazel D. Ratcliff, 21, of Wayne county, W. Va.
Noah Steel, 21, to Cella Moore, 17, of Sacred Wind, Ky.
Rube Berry, 22, to Martha Kitchen, 16, of Mattie and Gladys.
John K. Croaff, 23, to Sadie Maynard, 17, of Huntington and Port Gay, W. Va.
Harvey Crabtree, 25, to Nannie Holbrook, 14, of Hicksville and Overda.
Roy Borders, 21, to Ella Edwards, 18, of Ulysses.
L. S. Price, 42, to Carrie Castle, 22, of Richardson.
Winford Cordie, Jr., 20, to Fonda Sagraves, 17, of Blaine.
Lukie Henry Davis, 22, to Ollie Collins, 21, of Gallup.
Roscoe Deboard, 17, to Angie Skaggs, 19, of Lowmansville.
Daniel Lemaster, 22, to Nola Maynard, 15, of Glenhays.

REV. BOSTWICK MOVES.

Mrs. A. C. Bostwick was visiting Louisa relatives last Saturday. Rev. Bostwick has accepted the pastorate of a church in Missouri, and they will move from Summersville, W. Va., to that place.

THE CHURCHES

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

The revival services will continue as long as there are prospects of good results. Meetings at 2 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. daily. Everybody invited. Sunday School 9 o'clock. Morning service 10:30. Evening service 6:30 o'clock. Epworth League Sunday 5:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30 p. m. Bible Class Thursday 6:30 p. m. Choir practice Friday evening 6:30 to 8:30.

A cordial invitation is extended every one to attend these services.

JAS. D. BELL, Pastor

Missionary Societies.

At the meeting of the Junior Missionary Society held at the home of Catherine Carey last Saturday afternoon the following officers were elected: Marie Bell, president; Susan Marcus, recording secretary; Anna Miller, treasurer; Jessie Carter, 1st vice president; Mary Olive Bell, 2d vice president; Emma Bell Berry, corresponding secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Society held the December meeting with Mrs. J. R. Kinstler at her home on Maple street Tuesday afternoon. It was the time for the annual election of officers. The last year's officers were re-elected. They are as follows: Mrs. Alva Snyder, president; Mrs. Lottie Vinson, 1st vice president; Mrs. Mary Kinstler, 2d vice president; Mrs. Georgia Rytting, Supt. Publicity; Mrs. Cora Burton, Supt. Social Service; Mrs. Mary Horton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Maggie Riffe, recording secretary; Mrs. Willie Conley, treasurer; Mrs. Jennie Hughes, agent Missionary Voice.

Young People's Society.

On Monday afternoon Miss Elizabeth Yates received the Young People's Missionary Society at her home. Officers for the year were elected as follows: Miss Ellen Hughes, president; Miss Lou Chaffin, 1st vice president; Miss Elizabeth Yates, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Shirley B. Wellman, treasurer; Miss Vivian Hays, social spt.; Miss Alva Snyder, publicity spt.; Miss Elizabeth Conley, recording secretary.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Preaching the first and third Sundays in each month by the pastor, Rev. Stambaugh.
Sunday School every Sunday 9:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m.
Preaching service 10:30 a. m.
Evening worship 6 o'clock.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 6 p. m.
First Wednesday night in each month business meeting.
You are cordially invited to attend all services. J. T. POPE, Pastor.